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Examiner

James Martinell

New York, New York July 15, 2003

Hon. Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

AMENDMENT AND REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

This is in response to the January 16, 2003 Office Action in the above-identified application.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), applicant has petitioned concurrently herewith for a three-month extension of time to respond to the Office Action. With the extension, a

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